

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for Johnson County, Indiana and Incorporated Areas

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the communities listed in the table below. The BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

DATES: The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

ADDRESSES: (See table below)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Mullen, P.E., Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, 536 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 408-5541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448)), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed modified elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for the new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed modified flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless

and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; of itself, it has no economic impact.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary FIS and FIRM and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed BFEs along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified BFEs are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities Affected
	*Elevation in feet (NGVD)		
	Existing	Modified	
Brewer Ditch:			
At confluence with Youngs Creek	N/A	+749	Johnson County (Uninc Areas), City of Franklin, Town of Whiteland
Approximately 1,600 feet downstream of U.S. Highway 31	N/A	+782	
Brewer Ditch:			
Approximately 1,600 feet downstream of U.S. Highway 31	*780	+782	Town of Whiteland
Approximately at County Road 125	*800	+802	
Canary Ditch:			
At confluence with Youngs Creek	*742	+744	Johnson County (Uninc Areas) and City of Franklin
Approximately 1,300 feet upstream of Earlywood Drive	*768	+767	
Canary Ditch:			
Approximately 1,300 feet upstream of Earlywood Drive	N/A	+767	Johnson County (Uninc Areas)
Approximately 1,900 feet upstream of County Road East 400 North	N/A	+784	
East Grassy Creek:			
At confluence with Grassy Creek	N/A	+781	Johnson County (Uninc Areas)
Approximately at Whiteland Road	N/A	+782	
East Grassy Creek:			
Approximately at Whiteland Road	*784	+785	Johnson County (Uninc Areas), Town of New Whiteland, Town of Whiteland
Approximately at Tracy Road	*807	+810	

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities Affected
	*Elevation in feet (NGVD)		
	Existing/Modified		
East Grassy Creek:			
Approximately at Tracy Road	N/A	+810	Johnson County (Uninc Areas)
Approximately 300 feet upstream of County Road East 750 North	N/A	+820	
Graham Ditch:			
At confluence with Canary Ditch	N/A	+761	Johnson County (Uninc Areas) and City of Franklin
Approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Earlywood Drive	N/A	+768	
Grassy Creek:			
Approximately 2,400 feet upstream of County Road West 200 North	N/A	+766	Johnson County (Uninc Areas), City of Greenwood, Town of Whiteland, Town of New Whiteland
Approximately 750 feet downstream of Granada Drive	N/A	+809	
Grassy Creek:			
Approximately 750 feet downstream of Granada Drive	*809	+809	City of Greenwood
Approximately 250 feet upstream of Fiesta Drive	*815	+814	
Grassy Creek:			
Approximately 250 feet upstream of Fiesta Drive	N/A	+814	City of Greenwood
Approximately 300 feet downstream of Interstate 65	N/A	+821	
Hurricane Creek:			
At confluence with Youngs Creek	*724	+723	City of Franklin
Approximately at Upper Shelbyville Road	*728	+728	
Hurricane Creek:			
Approximately at Upper Shelbyville Road	N/A	+728	Johnson County (Uninc Areas)
Approximately at County Road 375 East	N/A	+811	

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+Elevation in feet (NAVD) *Elevation in feet (NGVD)		Communities Affected
	Existing/Modified		
Tracy Ditch:			
At confluence with Grassy Creek	N/A	+789	Johnson County (Uninc Areas) and City of Greenwood
Approximately 50 feet upstream of West Stop 18 Road	N/A	+794	
Youngs Creek:			
Approximately 7,500 feet upstream of U.S Highway 31	*712	+712	Johnson County (Uninc Areas) and City of Franklin
Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of South Morton Street	*727	+729	
Youngs Creek:			
Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of South Morton Street	N/A	+729	Johnson County (Uninc Areas) and City of Franklin
At confluence with Roberts Ditch	N/A	+766	
*National Geodetic Vertical Datum +North American Vertical Datum			

ADDRESSES:

Johnson County

Maps available for inspection at Johnson County Planning Zoning, 86 West Court Street, Franklin, IN

Send comments to Mr. Allen D. Kirk, PE, Planning Engineer, 86 West Court Street, Franklin, IN 46131

Town of Edinburgh

Maps available for inspection at Town Hall, 107 S. Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN

Send comments to Mr. Jim Wray, Planning & Zoning, 107 S. Holland Street, Edinburgh, IN 46124

City of Franklin

Maps available for inspection at Planning Department, 55 W. Madison Street, Franklin, IN

Send comments to Mr. David Weir, AICP, Planning Director, 55 W. Madison Street, Franklin, IN 46131

City of Greenwood

Maps available for inspection at Planning Department, 225 E. Emerson Avenue, Greenwood, IN

Send comments to Mr. Ed Ferguson, Planning Director, 225 E. Emerson Avenue, Greenwood, IN 46143

Town of New Whiteland

Maps available for inspection at Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive, New Whiteland, IN

Send comments to Mr. Tim Guyer, Zoning Administrator, 401 Mooreland Drive, New Whiteland, IN 46184

Town of Prince's Lake

Maps available for inspection at Town Hall, 14 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh, IN

Send comments to Mr. Albert M. Cornell, Building Inspector, 14 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh, IN 46164

Town of Whiteland

Maps available for inspection at Whiteland Town Hall, 549 Main Street, Whiteland, IN

Send comments to Mr. Dennis Capozzi, Town Manager, 549 Main Street, Whiteland, IN 46184

For further information please contact the Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627)